THOMPSON, BELDEN & CO., FARNAM ST. OUR JANUARY CLEARING SALE

Has so far been a great success, and we will continue to make great inducements to cash purchasers until we invoice, Feb. 1st. Read the following prices, and remember that the reductions quoted are all genuine. Cash buyers cannot afford to let this opportunity pass, for money has great purchasing power in our store this month.

the world, reduced from \$1.50 to \$1.25. Twilled Red Flannel, reduced from 25c to 20c, from 30c to 25c, from 35c to 29c, from 37c to 30c, from 40c to 33c, from 50c to 40c,

Plaid Flannels, reduced from 35c to 25c, from 40c to 25c, from 50c to 35c. Hider Down Flannels, reduced from 60c to 50c, from 75c to 625c. We have made many reductions in

our flannel department that we cannot quote here.

Comforts. Comforts.

Read the following reductions on Comforts: From 75c to 60c, from \$1.00 to 75e, from \$1.25 to 95e, from \$1.40 *** \$1.10, from \$1.50 to \$1.96, from \$2.25 to

White and Colored BLANKETS.

Reduced to the following extremely low prices. Our reductions are all gennine and do not show so big on paper, but the values show for themselves. We ask an inspection. Blankets reduced from \$1.25 to 95c, from \$1.50 to \$1.25, from \$2 to \$1.00, from \$2.50 to \$1.95. from \$3 to \$2.25, from \$3.25 to \$2.40, from \$3.50 to \$2.90, from \$4 to \$3.25, from \$5 to \$3.90, from \$5.75 to \$4.90, from \$7 to \$5.90, from \$7.50 to \$6.50, from \$8 to

Soiled Remnants OF TABLE DAMASKS.

Special value in soiled remnants of Bleached and Unbleached Table Damasks, worth from 65c to 85c per yard, in this sale at 40c and 50c per yard. If you have any table linens to buy, it will pay you look at these goods.

Read the Following Reductions: All 10 cent Dress Goods reduced to 7 ic. All 12 | cent Dress Goods reduced to 10c All 10 cent Dress Goods reduced to 12/c 1 case of Jamestown Dress Goods that we have never sold at less than 25c, in

this sale at loc. Plain and Plaid Dress Goods that we have never sold at less than 50c and the per yard, a large assertment and extra

quality, reduced to 25c. All Wool Dress Flannel, 29 inches wide, worth 40c, in this sale at 50c. Large assertment of colors, Assabet All Wool Dress Flannel, 40

51-inch Dress Finnnel, reduced from 50c to 40c. Good assortment. 52-inch All Wool Dress Flannels, all Colors, reduced from 60c to 47 c. Assabet All Wool Dress Flaund, 56 and 58 inches wide, reduced from 90c to

These are but few of the many reductions made in our dress goods department, but it is impossible to quote all of them, we have made so many.

REDUCTIONS ON Colored and Black Silks.

Black Gros Grain Silks reduced from \$1 to 80c. \$1.50 to \$1.22\frac{1}{2}. \$1.65 to \$1.30,

Colored Gros Grain Silks, in all the new shades, reduced from \$1 to 80c. Colored Faille Silks reduced from \$1.25 to \$1, in all shades; others get \$1.35 and \$1.50 for these silks. All colored Moire Silks at \$1.50 and \$1.75, reduced to \$1.

All colored Moire Silks at \$1.25, reduced to 75c. This is an opportunity to get good and fashionable trimmings REDUCTIONS ON

COLOREDPLUSHES All 75c and \$1 Colored Plushes re-

duced to 60c, 18 inches wide; all \$1.25 Colored Plushes, 22 inches wide, at 95c. Chency Bros. 24-inch Colored Plushes reduced from \$1.65 to \$1.25. The assortment of colors in our plushes in all numbers is still good. Come early and secure a bargain.

SILK WARPED BLACK DRESS GOODS Silk warped Henriettas reduced from 85c to 70c, from \$1.50 to \$1.20, from \$1.75

KEDUCTIONS ON

to \$1.45, from \$2 to \$1.75. Silk warped Drap de Almas reduced from \$1.50 to \$1.12\(\frac{1}{2}\), from \$1.75 to \$1.2\(\frac{1}{2}\), NOTE THE FOLLOWING REDUCTIONS On Ladies', Childrens's and Misses'

LADIES' SEAL PLUSH SACQUES.

No. 1307, Seal Plush Sacque, full 30 inches long, with four genuine seal loops, lined with brown outled satin, and a big bargain at \$20; reduced to \$16.50. No 1301, Seal Plush Sacque, full 40 inches long, with four genuine seal loops,

No. 1302, Seal Plush Sacque, full 40 inches long, with genuine seal loops, lined with quilted satin, very cheap at \$25; reduced to \$19.

No. 1302, Seal Plush Sacque, full 40 inches long, with genuine seal loops, lined with brown quilted satin, at \$28.50; reduced to \$22.

No. 1303, Seal Plush Sacque, full 40 inches long, with genuine seal loops, and lined with line brown quilted satia, and is right in every way, at \$32.50; reduced to \$21. No. 1305, Seal Plush Sacque, full 43 inches long, with genuine seal loops, and

No. 1306, Seal Plush Sacque, full 43 inches long, with genuine seal loops, lined with the very finest brown quilted satin, and made of the very finest plush, at \$42,50; reduced to \$82,50.

lined with the very finest brown quilted satin, and is beautiful, at \$37.50; reduced

The foregoing Sacques are all made of Plush, manufactured by Lister, the most celebrated manufacturer of plushes in the world.

German Plush Sacques, reduced from \$20 to \$12.50. Seal Plush Newmarkets, reduced from \$50 to \$35

Seat Plush Newmarkets, reduced from \$40 to \$30. Short Plush Wraps, reduced from \$15 to \$10, from \$20 to \$15, from \$25 to \$18, from \$28 to \$20, from \$30 to \$22.50, from \$32 to \$20, from \$35 to \$25, from \$18 to \$14, PLUSH JACKETS, reduced from \$13.50 to \$10, from \$18 to \$13.50, from \$20 to

\$15, 170 m \$25 to 715. SHORT ASTRACHAN WRAPS, reduced from \$20 to \$12.50, from \$25 to \$17.50; all \$12.50, \$13.50, \$14.50, \$15 and \$16, reduced to \$10.

BLACK CLOTH CIRCULARS, reduced from \$7 and \$8 to \$4. BLACK AND COLORED CLOTH NEWMARKETS, reduced from \$7.50 to \$4, from \$6 to \$4.50, from \$10 to \$6.50, from \$12 to \$9, from \$9.50 to \$7.50, from \$12.50 to \$7.50, from \$17 to \$13.50, from \$18 to \$12.50, from \$25 to \$17.50, from \$20 to \$15, from \$22 to \$16, from \$35 to \$25, from \$24 to \$18, from \$15 to \$11, from \$19 to \$14, LADIES' HEAVY CLOTH JACKETS, reduced from \$4.50 to \$3.50, from \$5 to

\$4, from \$8.50 to \$6.50, from \$9 to \$6, from \$10 to \$7.50, from \$12.50 to \$9, from \$15 CHILDRENS' AND MISSES' CLOAKS, 4 year size, reduced from \$4 to \$2.75,

from \$4.25 to \$3.25, from \$5 to \$4, from \$8.75 to \$5.50.
6 year size, reduced from \$14 to \$10, from \$5.50 to \$4.25, from \$8.75 to \$6.50, from \$3.75 to \$3, from \$5.75, from \$6.50 to \$1.75, from \$6.50 to \$4. \$5.50, from \$5.50 to \$5, from \$3.25 to \$2.75, from \$10 to \$5, from \$7 to \$4, from \$5.75 to \$4.25, from \$7.50 to \$4.50, from \$6.50 to \$4.90, from \$5.75 to \$4.25, from \$7 to \$4.50, rom \$10 to \$6, from \$11.50 to \$7, from \$5 to \$3.50, from \$2.25 to \$1.25. 8 year size, reduced from \$3.50 to \$2.75, from \$9.50 to \$5.50, from \$7.75 to \$4.50,

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16 year size, reduced from \$10.50 to \$6, from \$5 to \$3, from \$7.50 to \$5.50, from

Great reluctions in Ladies' Ready-Made Dresses.

LADIES'

White Merino Vests or Pants at 37ic; reduced from 50c. White Mering Vests or Pants at 65c;

reduced from 90c.
White Merino Vests or Pants at \$1; reduced from \$1.25. Camel's Hair Vests or Pants at 75c; reduced from \$1.

Fine Jersey Ribbed Wool Vests or Pants at \$1 each; reduced from \$1.25 and \$1.50. They come in white, eeru, scarlet and natural wool. Scarlet Saxony Vests or Pants, fine

soft goods, at 75c each; reduced from \$1. Scarlet Saxony Vests, extra fine, at \$1 each; reduced from \$1.25 and \$1.50. Natural Unived Wool Vests or Pants at \$1.50 each; reduced from \$2; finest

Natural Wool Jersey Fitting Vests at 75c; reduced from \$1. White Merino Jersey Ribbed Vests at 75c; reduced from \$1.

Children's and Youths' Underwear.

Children's Underwear in white, scarlet and natural wool, sizes 16 to 34 inches, at greatly reduced prices. Youth's Scotch Wool Shirts and Drawers at 37%; reduced from 50c. One lot Youths' White and Grey Merino Shirts or Drawers at 25e each; reduced from 35c. Fascinators.

Ladies' Fascinators at 25c, 50c, 65c,

75c, \$1 and upward; colors; cream, white, black, light blue, light pink and cardi-Toboggan Caps.

Toboggan Caps at 25c, 50c and 75c, These are less than half former prices.

Yarns.

Nonantum German Knitting Yarns, 4-oz. skeins at 25c each. Comes in all colors, and is one of the finest qualities

Leggings. Ladies', Misses' and Children's Leg-gins at from 25c to 75c a pair.

Mittens.

Ladies' Florence Silk Mittens, \$2 quality reduced to \$1.50; \$1.75, reduced to \$1.25; \$1.50, reduced to \$1. Children's size reduced from \$1.25 to 90c a pair. Children's come in black, navy, seal and wine. Ladies are mostly black, a few wine and navy.

MENS

ers at 35c each; reduced from 50c. Sanitary natural wool Shirts or Drawers at 50c and 75c; reduced from 75c and

Undyed Wool and Camel's Hair Shiets or Drawers, at \$1.25 each; reduced from \$1.50, at which price they were a great

Grey Shetland full fashioned Shirts or Drawers, \$2 each; reduced from \$2.50.

Swits Condi; Shrunk Shirts or Draw-ers at \$1 each; formerly sold at \$1.50. Fawa Australian Wool Shirts or Drawers at \$1.50 each; reduced from \$2. Striped Camel's Hair Shirts or Drawers, extra fine quality, at \$2 each; re-

duced from \$2.50. Searlet Medicated Shirts or Drawers nt 75c, \$1, \$1.50 and \$2; reduced from \$1, \$1.25, \$2 and \$2.50 each.

Medlicott's white and scarlet, all wool full fashioned Shirts or Drawers, at \$2.25 each for all sizes; reduced from \$3. These goods are warranted not to shrink and will soon be closed out at the low price we have made on them.

HOSIERY.

Ladies' Extra Fine French Ribbed Black ashmere Hose reduced from \$1.25 to \$1.00, \$1.01 Ladies' Fine English Cushmere Hose in black Ladles' Fine English Cashmere Hose in black only reduced from 35c to 50c.
Ladles' English Cashmere Hose in Black and coors, reduced from 68c and 65c to 50c; 50c to 40c.
Lathes' Colored Sambess Cashmere Wood Hose reduced from 48c to 35c.
Ladles' Black Cashmere Wood Hose reduced from 40 to 50c. We also have an extra good quality of Ladles' Black Scamless Wood Hose at 2c a pair.
Ladles' Extra Super Wood Hose, Indigo Blue Mixed, reduced from 50c to 40c.
Ladles' Pure Thread Silk Hose in plain colors and boot patterns, reduced from Si,03 to \$2.25 a pair.

pair.
I Ladiea Spun Silk Hose in black and two-toned, reduced from \$2.0 to \$1.50 a pair.
Ladies Silk Plaited Hose in Black, reduced from \$1.25 to \$1.00; fancy colors reduced from \$1.25 to \$1.00; #1.00 to 55c, a pair.
Ladles' Fancy Lisle Hose at the following reductions: \$1.25 and \$1.50 to \$1.00, \$1.00 to 75c, 65c and 75c to 50c, \$5c to 60c.
One lot Children's Black Wool Hose, size 5, at One lot Charlen's Black wood flose, size 5, at One lot assorted colors and sizes Children's Wool Hose at Lie a pair; they are cheap. One lot Children's Fine English Cashmers Hose, sizes 51, to 8, at 25c a pair, assorted colors. In Gents English Merino Half Hose we are showing some splendid values at 25c, 35c and 50c a pair.

50c a pair.
At 25c a pair we have the pest values we have ever offered in Men's Pancy and Natural Wool Half Hose.

We solicit mail orders, fill them at the low prices quoted and prepay charges to destination as usual.

1319 Farnam Street, Omaha, Nebraska THOMPSON, BELDEN & CO.,

THE SECRETARIES GAGGED.

Significant Action of the State Board of Transportation.

THE RAILROAD TOOLS AT WORK.

They Will Exercise the Right of Censorship on Certain Information Desired by the House and Senate.

LINCOLN BUREAU OF THE OMAHA BES,

1029 P STREET, LINCOLN, Jan. 12, Mr. Dorsey's brother-in-law shows hi hand. He opens it to the railroads and says to his constituency, touch me if you dare. No reasonable person can longer doubt that he is a tool of the railroads, and will dance to their music whenever called upon to do so. This morning he secured a special meeting of the state board of transportation, when a resolution was passed compelling the secretaries to submit all information to the board sought by the house or senate, or any of the committees of these bodies, before giving it to them. There can be but one object in this move, viz: The suppression of such information as may work favor to the people and damage to the roads. 'The committees of the house and senate will doubtless want comparative freight rates in operation in the different states, and the board of secretaries, or any one of them, can not furnish the information under the resolution now in effect. unless Mr. Benton, Mr. Laws and Mr. Steen see fit to permit it. It will be impossible for Judge-Mason to go before any of the committees, or before the house or senate, to furnish information of any kind until he has asked permission of the precious tric of statesmen. The resolution is not only an in-sult to Secretaries Mason and Munger, but a blister upon common sense and decency. It is believed that the puerile auditor of public secounts was asked to do this by some rail way official, for the purpose of blocking a class of the information sught by the general assembly. It looks that way, and there can be no doubt but what it is true. It has long been suspected that Benton is a catspaw of the reads, and the suspicion is now verified by proof. "It is learned," suggested a prominent republican to-day, "that his nomination was a criminal blunder, and his election a piece of folly that can not be atoned. He is a child and has not put away childish things." blister upon common sense and decency;

PARMER LEGISLATORS IN EARNEST. It is not generally known, but neverthe-ess true, that there are forty-seven farmers who are members of the house of representatives. This part of the body of legislators of he state has held two or three caucuses dur-Ing the past day or two that are significent, to say the least. I have no means of know-ing what the farmer members of the louse contemplate, but presumably they have in mind such legislation on the railroad ques-tion as will do them some good. None but farmers are permitted to attend these cau-causes. It is significant, too, that a few Alliance men have been in close consultation with them, and it is highly probable that something will drop in the halls of the house, shortly, that will make dry bones rattle. It was broadly hinted to The Bee representa-tive to-day that the farmers of the house, under the leadership of one of the shrewdest legislators of that body, were after Mr. Mosher and his convict labor contract. It is said that an effort will be made for the passsaid that an effort will be made for the passnge of an act, repealing the law
nwarding the contract to him, during the next few days, and that
there is enough force behind the move to
come uncomfortably near carrying it. There
is no question but what there is a move brewing that will cause consternation in some
quarters and dry good humor in others.
Farmer members do not propose to be
ignored on every question that promises
well for their constituency, and it is high
time that this fact is appreciated. Above
everything else they want a law that will everything else they want a law that will absolutely prohibit future robbery and ex-

Faragut Relief corps met at 2:30 o'clock to-day, transacted all preliminary business and adjourned to 7:00 o'clock to-night, when Mrs. Emma Manchester, department, presi dent, installed the officers-elect. The occa-sion proved a highly enjoyable one. No. 41 of the order of Knights of Pythias

will instal officers on next. Monday evening Members of the lodge are especially remested to be present. This society is in a digity prosperous condition.

Grand lodge, legion No. 9, A.O. U. W. will give a banquet in the near future. Invitation cards will be issued. No deaths in the order are reported for January. Assess-

ment No. 1 was called for January 1.

Capital City camp, Modern Woodman, held an interesting session last night. Several visiting of the order attended from Seward and Waverly. At the last meeting of the head camp. Michigan, except Detroit and the county in which it is learned. Detroit and the county in which it is located, was added to the jurisdiction. A desperate effort was recently made to include Cook county, Illinois, but it failed to carry. Alex Morrison, D. H. C., is organizing a cump at

ARRESTED FOR HOUSE STEALING. Sheriff Melick this morning arrested Charles A. Bussett, who was doing fancy painting at the new executive rooms of the state house, on the charge of horse stealing. The information that led to his arrest was received by the sheriff from Wheaton, Du Page county, Illinois, a day or two ago. The necessary requisition was quietly secured and Sheriff Ashley, of the county stated, who arrived last night, departed with the prisoner to-day for the scene of his crime. Bassett expressed considerable surprise when his arrest was made, but when con-fronted by the Illinois sheriff he said by his

actions, "The jig is up, I'm the man."

Bassett has been in Lincoln several days, and is an expert workman. He was very quiet and unassuming, but was shadowed by a veritable Sleath and run down. Molick located him shortly after he received the in formation, and immediately notified Ashley who lost no time in getting here. Bassett's arrest was a source of great surprise to his associate craftsmen at the state house.
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.

Articles incorporating the Norfolk Brick and Tile company, were filed in the office of the secretary of state yesterday afternoon. The company was organized for the purpose of manufacturing tile and brick, and the authorized capital stock is \$60,000, about half of which has been paid up. The incorporators are Messrs. A. P. Pilger, Ferdinand Verges and Herman Gericke. CITY NEWS AND NOTES.

Walter Knutzen vs Charles E. Hanson et al, appeal from Buffalo county, and Guy C. Barton et al vs Union Cattle company, ap peal from Sarpy county, are the titles of two causes filed for hearing before the supreme court to-day

Secretary Mason gives out the cheerful in-formation that comparative freight rates and percentages, in operation in Illinois and Iowa, can be found in the office of the state board of transportation. Others to the contrary, notwithstanding. The judge called Tus BES representative's attention to this to day, and tenderly admonished him not to be taken in by light. There is no question but what the

tenderly admonished him not to be taken in by liars. There is no question but what the information can be found in the office of the board as the judge states.

Jack Dompsey, the prize fighter, was ar-rested at 10 o'clock last night, when in the act of taking the train for Denver. He tried to beat Hoover, his partner, out of the gate receipts of the sparring exhibition given here night before last. He failed; Hoover got his money and Dempsey went his way rejoicing money and Dempsey went his way rejoicing

to-day.

The citizens of Emerald have at last been supplied with necessary depot facilities, and they will no longer bother the board of trans-portation. The waiting room is 75 x15 feet portation. The waiting room is 7%x10 level inside, and connects the office by window and door, making the apartments of the "election" convenient and comfortable. Some member of the board, however, will some member of the board, however, will be also shortly to ascertain whether visit the place shortly to ascertain whether or not the depot is to the liking of the citi-

zens of the burg.

Nearly all of the members of the house and senate, within day reach of home, left this afternoon to spend Sunday with their families. The lobby is more conspicuous now than members of the general assembly

Secretary Fairchild goes to New York to morrow for the purpose of making a personal investigation of the affairs of the apprais-

Morgan's Proposed Amendment to the Senate Tariff Bill.

WEAVER FLIES A FLAG OF TRUCE.

He Will Temporarily Cease His Filibustering Tactics and Allow Business in the House to Proceed.

Senate. Washington, Jan. 12.-In the sen-ite, after the usual routine business, consideration of the tariff bill was resumed at section 2491, the first of the admin-

strative sections.
In the course of the reading Mr. Morgan sent to the cierk's desk an amendment which he proposes to offer to the bill at the proper time. It reads: "All laws and parts of laws, which exempt from part payment of duties any article of commerce, upon which duties are imposed in this act when in transit hrough the United States, or from the Do minion of Canada, or any province thereof

are hereby declared inoperative.

A few changes, and these only as to phrase-ology were made in the administrative sec-tions, and the reading of the bill was fin-ished at 1.45. shed at 1:45.
Mr. Allison went back to section 9 (as to

methylated spirits for use in the arts) and had several changes made in the phraseol-ogy, so to include other substances for methlating soiruts besides wood naphtha. On motion of Mr. Allison, paragraph 7 in A (chemical products) Was mended by increasing the rate on alcoholic perfumery, including cologue water and other toilet waters, from \$2 per gallon and 25 per cent ad valorem to \$2 per gallon and 50 per cent ad valorem. Changes were also made in paragraphs 8 (soluble oil), 35 (gelatine), 60 (seal oil), etc., so as to include herring oil; 101 (all other earthen ware) so as to include the carthen ware) so as to include the carthen ware so as to include the carth

lava gas burner tips; 102 (tiles and brick) in-creasing the rate from 20 to 25 per cent advalorem; 109 (glass and glassware) adding the words "lenses of glass or pebble," and 114 (plate glass, unsilvered) by striking out the rovision for the smallest size. Paragraph 170, as to lead, was amended so as to read, "lead ore and lead dross 114 cents per pound, provided that silver ore contain-

ng lead shall pay a duty of 134 cents a pound on the lead contained therein. Mr. Allison moved to amend paragraph 388, as to wood pulp, by making it read "me-chanically ground wood pulp, \$2.50 per ton, dry weight; chemical wood pulp, unbleached, \$6.00 per ton; blenched, \$7.00 per ton.

Mr. Gray called attention to section 2510. which permits the importation in bond, free of duty, of lumber, timber, etc., necessary for the construction and equipment of ves-sels built in the United States for foreign ac-count and ownership, or for employment in foreign trades, and he offered an amendment so as to include plates, deck beams, forgings, composition metal, and all structural shapes, including machinery and

arts of machinery.
The existing law, he said, as well as see tion 2510, were intended to encourage ship building in the United States, but only af-fected wooden vessels, while his amendment would encourage the building of iron and Mr. Sherman objected to including ma-

hinery and parts of machinery, as that yould interfere with American machine After a short denial, and without disposing of Mr. Gray's amendment, the senate pro-ceeded to executive business, and seen adourned.

WASHINGTON, Jan, 12 .- In the house the ournal of yesterday's proceedings was rend without any obstacle being interposed by Mr. Weaver, of Iowa It was generally known throughout the house that the deadlock would be broken to-day, and Weaver's silence surprised nobody, while it satisfied every-

The journal having been read, the speaker

of Missouri; O'Neil, of Pennsylvania, and Raynor, of Maryland, conferees on the Nicaraugua canal bill.

Mr. Randall offered a resolution rescinding the rule requiring the house to adjourn each day at 5 o'clock. Referred to the committee Mr. Springer of Illinois, asked unanimous consent to have printed a substitute for the territorial bill now pending, and he stated

that he would call it up for consideration on Tuesday next.
Mr. Burrows objected, declaring that business must proceed under the rules.

Mr. Stevens of Indiana called up the bill mereasing to \$50 a month the pension of Elizabeth G. Scott.

Mr. Weaver came forward with a flag of truce in the shape of a declaration that he would refrain from making dilatory motions until he heard from the committee on rules. The pension bill was then passed. Mr. Dibble of South Carolina submitted the conference report on the bill increasing the limit of cost of the purchase of a site for

a public building at San Francisco, fixed by the conference at \$800,000. The report having been agreed to, Mr. Crisp gave notice that on Thursday next he would call up the Small-Elliott contested election The house then went into committee of the whole on the general appropriation bills. The military academy appropriation bill was first taken up, and its reading was un-interrupted until Mr. Kilgore raised a point of order against a clause appropriating \$490,-900 for the erection of a new academic build-ing at West Point. The chairman having overruled the point, Mr. Kilgore moved to strike out the clause. Defeated, A motion by Mr. Kilgore to strike out the clause appropriat-

ing \$100,000 for a new gymnasium building was also defeated. The bill was then laid aside, and consideration of the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill proceeded Mr. McAdoo of New Jersey said that he could not allow the bill to pass without emphasizing what he considered to be the popular demand for the abolishment of United States ministers abroad. One of the great countries of Europe was unrepresented by a minister in this country. The British gov-ernment had refrained from sending a minister to Washington for the purpose of resenting what it considered to be an insult. It was a most absurd thing to his mind that the United States should send

The committee rose and two appropriation bills were passed.

The committee then resumed its session for consideration of the fortification appro-priation bill. The bill appropriates \$590,000. Mr. Townshend of Illinois raised a point of order against all items in the bill appropriating \$100,000 for the repair of fortifications, and said that they were outside of the jurisdiction of the committee on military affairs.

Pending a decision, the committee rose and the house, adjourned.

a minister to royal courts. The system was absolutely unfitted to the character of a free

Is Sue a Cruiser? New York, Jan. 12 .- The steamer Merce

des steamed out of Stapleton during the afternoon, having cleared from Samaha with a cargo of coal. It was learned that the vessel was purchased recently in Boston by Leonica Julia, the St. Domingo consul at that point, for \$50,000. He said that he had bought her for speculative purposes. Despite Julia's denial, some shipping men regard the Mercedes as intended for the use of Hippolyte, and say she will be turned into a war vessel. The story from Stapleton says that the Mercedes took on several heavy cases between 2 and 3 o'clock this morning. What the cases contained was not stated. A re-porter seeking an interview with the captain was twice fired upon.

A Little slow.

New York Sun: Miss Clara (hiding a vawn; time midnight)-I want you to admire our new marble clock, Mr. Samp-

Mr. Sampson-That is a beautiful thing. Does it keep good time? Miss Clara (conquering the yawn Well, no not very. Papa was telling me this evening it's over an hour slow.

No Change in Californian Sentiment on this Important Question.

COLLIS HUNTINGTON MISTAKEN.

Owners of Great Fruit Ranches Want "Cheap and Tractable" Slaves-But No One Else Does.

Tacking on the Chinese Question. SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 11 .--Special Correspondence of THE BEE. |---The battle between the newspapers in this city on the Chinese labor question still continues, but the Examiner has lost so much circulation by its' articles advocating the repeal of the exclusion bill that it has begun to trim its sails and to tack. It now pretends that it simply wanted to draw attention to the fact that a searcity of labor would be felt during the ensuing fruit season by owners of peach and apricot ranches, and the vine growers. The Call and Bulletin in the very midst of their successful warfare were taken aback by the intelligence that Colis P, Huntington had come out squarely for the "cheap and tractable labor so necessary for building up the desert places." These two papers have the misfortune to be considered raitroad organs, and no doubt they were so in the old palmy days of the Central Pacific, and no doubt they are to-day on very good terms with the Southern Pacific. But as the man says in the play, "We have changed all that." The anti-railroad press, of which THE OMAHA BEE is the acknowledged chief, has so educated the public, and so disciplined other journals that railroads nowadays are on the defensive, and have ceased to be the aggressive organizations that they were when Colis P. Huntington was in all his vigor of corruption, and was making himself feltain a pecuniary way in congress. It is not so very long ago, but all that has passed into ancient history. Colonel Fred Crocker is a man of the present, and believes in being just and fair to the public. He is not bribing any man or any newspaper, because it would do no good, for the public has been taught its rights by the anti-railroad press, and Colonel Crocker realizes that it costs less and pays better to be just than to be unjust. Besides. for why should I harbor prejudice? I believe that in his heart he is an honest man, and loves California. A friend of mine asked him what he thought of Huntington's action, and he said:

not criticise him." GREAT RANCHES MUST BE DIVIDED. Mr. Charles A. Wetmore, the chief executive officer of the state board of viticulture, has talked with excellent good sense upon the matter. He said to me, "You and I know perfectly well that there are fifty men with fruit ranches, who lost a good part of their crop last season because they could not get hands to pick and pack it. these men are hard at work breaking up new land, and planting more apricot trees, and more plum trees, and peach trees, because they feel certain that the question will be settled, either one way or the other. They, however, are

totally disagree with him, but I will

the problem lies in the subdivision of these large ranches into small handy fruit farms, where a man's own family with perhaps the assistance of a neighbor or two, can do all that is requisite.

> could not have been created without them, and they cannot be handled profitably now that the Chinese are a thing of the past. The cry that we cannot get along without Chinese labor is all humbug as applied to the state, but it is plain enough that there are ranches calling for such a concentration of labor as is impossible under our present conditions. Leland Stanford has 3,000 acres in vines at Vina. Lucky Baldwin has a vineyard of 1,500 acres in the neighborhood of Los Angeles, the Natoma water company has 2,000 acres in vines near Fol-

We owe these immense fruit ranches

and vineyards to Chinese labor, for they

som, and there are plenty more that l could recall. Now these men know nothing of wine making or of fruit growing, and they have been absolutely dependent upon their superintendents, and these men know that they cannot get along without Chinese labor There is an understanding among all these men beyond any doubt, and they will do their best to get the Chines: back if they can. But they are not representative Californians, and will not e listened to if they assume to speak for California. It would be far better for the state if they should subdivide their ranches into 100 acre farms, and

this is what they must do. It is inevit-

This, as it seems to me, is the

gist of the whole question. OUR HEAVY RAIN SPELLS.

The rainfall of this winter is gladdening the hearts of the farmers who still stick to old-fashioned crops of cereals. In the magnificent issue of the Chroncte on New Year's day there is a pyra mid showing the monetary value of the different industries of the state. The greatest of all is manufacturing, which s much more developed than people be lieve, and amounts to \$170,000,000. But next comes real old-fashioned farming, with a total of \$55,000,000. This ought not to astonish any one, for California wheat is the best in the world, and our armers have done famously this year, owing to the unexampled rise in the price at Minneapolis and Chicago, which reacted upon London and Liver pool, which two places get nearly all our wheat. Rain in California means wheat all the time, and the plows have been at work ever since the first soaking in December. Statiticians are very apt to mislead people by drawing de-ductions from figures which are not warranted. There is a certain average rainfall in this state, but this, by no means, must be accepted as making wheat a sure harvest. If it falls in regular spells during December and January and February, the farmer is all right, and is sure of his wheat. But sometimes, too often in fact, it only pretends to rain in the beginning of the winter, and comes down in regular torrents at the end of February. The average is all there according to the statistics, but the farmer reckons it a dry year, and so it is. But this winter, while the average will be remarkably high, the distribution has been abnor mally general throughout the state, and the fall has been at the right time. Consequently there will be a big harvest of wheat, chevalier barley and

ANOTHER COLLIEBY STRIKE. The fall in coal, which was gladden-ing the hearts of all housekeepers, has been suddenly checked by a strike among the colliers of the Wellington mines of British Columbia. The miners have demanded an increase of 16 cents

tortion on the part of the railroads of the state.

| Concressional Proceedings | Concressional Procedure Proced he said that he feared the colliery would be inactive for a considerable time, for as soon as the men struck his father shut down the works, and was of such a firm disposition that he would never give in. All this flings us into the clutches of the Southern Pacific and the Union Pacific. Colonel Crocker is a very good Californian, and a just man, but business all the time, and he gets for the Oregon coal owned by the company all that the traffic affords. Coal is coming in from Australia very slowly and none comes from Kobe, because every one supposes that the Australian collieries are sending in full supplies, which cannot be the case until April. Two things are absolutely necessary for our carbonic salvation, a great union coal depot, and a railroad line to the great coal deposits of Utah territory.

CHINESE GOD'S TEMPLE.

Great Joss Transferred to a New and Gorgeous Throne.

New York special: Great Joss, the noble Kwan Goon, the only decent Chinese god of the Chinamen of New York, s at last made happy, or he ought to be, by his generous devotees. His brand new \$25,000 home is completed, his gorgeous throne is carpeted, the last nail in the most extraordinary of all houses of religious sects has been driven, and Joss, carefully covered, was carried over early yesterday morning to his new home at No. 16 Mott street, where he will dangle from a new string above one of the most gorgeous of all the sa-cred thrones of New York. He will remain here this time without further danger of being ousted by gentile and avaricious landlord for rent, or unneighborly complaints because he keeps late hours, and that his meals of roasted pigs are too numerous. The temple is about eighty feet deep by thirty wide, and the rear part of the room is partitioned off as a sort of parsonage for the acting priest. It is a regular miniature house inside another house—toylike. The front of the house—toylike. The front of the shrine is of claborately carved gilt work, graven in the shape of golden dragons and birds of paradise, with their tails spread out, among twining vines and flowers. The altar is covered with richly embroidered red and blue satin drapery, with big golden dragons, falling gracefully toward the floor. Upon this sacrificial altar are the bronze and silver urns and other incense receptucles for burnt offerings. There are also the future telling aper tures, through which the priest will tell the wishes of his silent god; also his answers to those who come for ad-

There are two pieces of hard wood cut into equal haives so that they re-semble two half moons. These are tossed upon the floor by the applicant for business or any other advice. If both of them fall flat upon the floor it means that Joss is not ready to be consulted yet; but when both stand upon their apex it means, "Yes, I am ready their apex it means, "Yes, I am ready to listen to you." Inside of the little house is the gorgeous throne of Joss It is a narrow platform of about eight or ten feet in length, about four feet high, full of fancy woodwork of dragons, birds, men, beasts, and imaginary landscape scenes, the whole gilded, dyed, and enameled. A yellow satin curtain is drawn over the upper portion or canopy of the throne to hide the hely

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